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SUMMARY

There is no marked departure in the resumed output on agriculture from the pre-Malenkov pattern of propaganda pressure in this branch of economy. The inexplicable reluctance of farm management and labor to make better use of available labor-saving facilities, low administrative and production efficiency, technical breakdowns, etc. still appear to dominate the agricultural scene. Shortcomings in the live-stock industry, an admittedly vulnerable sector of Soviet agriculture, get comparatively little attention. The weight of the propaganda campaign has shifted perceptibly to spring sowing, plowing and related field operations directly connected with the current season.

The standard-of-living theme still claims a great deal of attention, and discussions of the price-reduction decree imply that the Party and the Government, not individual leaders, are responsible for the increased benefits for Soviet citizens. Central editorial comment on the latest price reductions contains no reference to any of the present Party leaders and very little mention of Stalin.

A further comparison of the frequency of reference to Stalin in the Party's theoretical journal reveals the following downward trend:

KOMMUNIST	editorial, January	#1--	Stalin's name appears	52 times
"	"	"	#2--	" " " 28 "
"	"	Feb.	#3--	" " " 21 "
"	"	"	#4--	" " " 60 "
"	"	March	#5--	" " " 9 "
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Broadcasts on ideological activities are confined largely to routine criticism of political and theoretical training, lecture propaganda on political topics and inadequate Party education in general. The "friendship-of-peoples" (druzhiba narodov) theme gets some mention, as does political vigilance within the Party and among the people.

PRAVDA editorial, 2 April

The Communist Party bases all its activities on the Marxist thesis that the systematic improvement of the workers' living standard can be attained only on the basis of uninterrupted growth and perfection of socialist production.

(Kommunisticheskaya partiya vo vsej svoej deyatel'nosti iskhodit iz marksistskogo polozheniya o tom, chto sistematicheskoye povyshenie zhiznennogo urovnya trudiashchikhsya mozhet byt' dostignuto tolko na osnove neprevyrnogo rosta i sovershenstvovaniya sotsialisticheskogo proizvodstva)

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TRUD editorial, 2 April

The basic economic law of socialism discovered and formulated by J. V. Stalin finds its expression in that ...

(V etom nakhodit svoje vyrazhenie osnovnoy ekonomicheskoy zakon sotsializma, otkrytiy i sformulirovanny I. V. Staliny)

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LITERARY GAZETTE editorial, 2 April

The Communist Party of the Soviet Union has chosen, once and for all, the only correct method of assuring the steady expansion of our economy--heavy industry has become the basis for the development of every branch of national economy.

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(Raz i navsegda izbrala Kommunisticheskaya partiya Sovetskogo Soyuza edinstvenno pravilnyy put, obespechivshiy neuklonnyy pod-yom nashey ekonomiki, osnovoy razvitiya vseh otrasley narodnogo khozaystva stala tyazhelaya promyshlennost')

IZVESTIA editorial, 2 April

Every facet of the life of Soviet society is determined by the basic economic law of socialism which was discovered by Comrade Stalin.

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(Vse storony zhizni sovetskogo obshchestva opredelyaet osnovnoy ekonomicheskiy zakon sotsializma, otkrytiy tovarishchem Stalinyem)

RADYANSKA UKRAINA editorial, 1 April

Such is the basic economic law of socialism discovered and formulated by Comrade I. V. Stalin

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(Takiy e, vidkrytiy i sformulovanniy tov. I. V. Stalinyem, osnovniy ekonomichniy zakon sotsializmu)

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